

A<sup>1</sup>  
3. (Amended) A shield as claimed in claim 1 [or  
claim 2] in which the core is encapsulated in said solid  
polymeric material.

4. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims  
1 to 3] claim 1 wherein the solid polymeric material comprises  
cured liquid resin.

A<sup>2</sup>  
6. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims  
1 to 5] claim 1 wherein the outer layers are each 0.5 to 3mm  
thick.

7. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims  
1 to 6] claim 1 wherein the core layer is 5 to 50mm thick.

8. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of claims  
1 to 7] claim 1 in the form of a tube with a longitudinal slit,  
for fitting over a pipe.

A<sup>3</sup>  
10. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 7] claim 1 comprising a plurality of separate  
cooperating parts which together define the cavity.

A<sup>4</sup>  
12. (Amended) A shield as claimed in claim 10 [or  
claim 11] wherein the parts overlap when fitted together to  
enclose the cavity, to prevent shine.

13. (Amended) A shield as claimed in [any one of  
claims 1 to 7] claim 1 in the form of a dome.